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SUBJ: ANIM'S VIEWS ON THE VIETNAM AFTERMATH

1. IN A DISCUSSION ON APRIL 30, MOHAMMAD NAIM, PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER AND CHIEF FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO SUPPORT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RESISTING COMMUNIST ENCROACHMENT FOR IF THE UNITED STATES CEASES TO DO THAT, THE SECURITY OF THE U.S. ITSELF WOULD IN DUE COURSE BE THREATENED. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAILAND AND BURMA, ADDING THAT EVEN INDIA IS NOT SAFE. WITH RESPECT TO AFGHANISTAN ITSELF, HE SAID THAT AMERICAN AND POLITICAL SUPPORT CONTINUED TO BE VITAL FOR AFGHANISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND THAT AMERICA'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS IMPORTANT IN SOLVING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH GIVE RISE TO COMMUNIST PENETRATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR REGIONAL STABILITY FOR IT WOO IS ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT THE INCREASE OF SOVIET AND CHINESE INFLUENCE IN THE AREA.

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